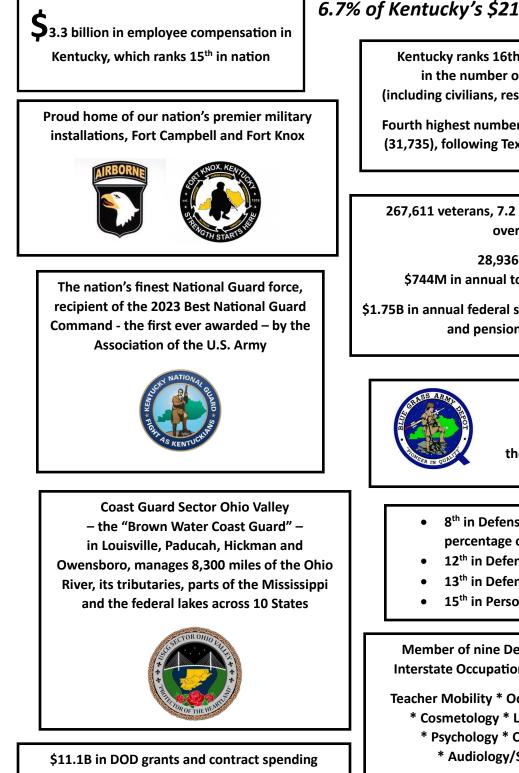




Kentucky's Defense Community

Total Economic Impact – \$14.6B / 53,661 jobs



6.7% of Kentucky's \$218B economy (2023)

Kentucky ranks 16th highest among the 50 states in the number of total military personnel (including civilians, reservists and the National Guard)

Fourth highest number of active-duty Army personnel (31,735), following Texas, Georgia and North Carolina

267,611 veterans, 7.2 percent of the Commonwealth's over 18 population

28,936 military retirees, \$744M in annual total combined retirement pay

\$1.75B in annual federal spending for veterans' compensation and pension, for 77,064 recipients

Successfully eradicated the nation's final chemical weapons stockpile at the Blue Grass Army Depot in July 2023

- 8th in Defense spending by state as a percentage of state Gross Domestic Product
- 12th in Defense-related contract spending
- 13th in Defense spending by state
- 15th in Personnel spending by state

Member of nine Defense State Liaison Office Priority Interstate Occupational Licensing Reciprocity Compacts

Teacher Mobility * Occupational Therapist * Social Work

- * Cosmetology * Licensed Professional Counseling
 - * Psychology * Occupational Therapist * Nurse
 - * Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology